

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, claims 1-67 were rejected. Claims 1-67 remain pending in the present patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

**Claim Rejections under Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-67 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-18, 29-45, 52-65, and 71-88 of U.S. Patent No. 6,963,670 (the '670 patent). Although Applicant does not necessarily agree that the present claims 1-67 are obvious over claims 1-18, 29-45, 52-65, and 71-88 of the '670 patent, the Applicants are willing to file a terminal disclaimer to place the pending claims in condition for allowance. Such a terminal disclaimer is enclosed with the present response and, because the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is the only outstanding rejection of the pending claims, the pending claims are believed to be allowable upon entry of the enclosed terminal disclaimer.

**Conclusion**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby provides a general authorization to treat this and any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request thereof. In addition, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$130.00 for the enclosed terminal disclaimer, and any additional fees which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 07-0845; Order No. 15-GS-6147 (GEMS:0171/YOD/RAR).

In view of the remarks set forth above and the enclosed terminal disclaimer, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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